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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Applicant: Capper et al.
Serial No.: 10/789,175
Filed: February 26, 2004
For: ARTICLES WITH ELECTROPLATED ZINC-NICKEL TERNARY AND HIGHER ALLOYS,
ELECTROPLATING BATHS, PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS FOR ELECTROPLATING SUCH ALLOYS
Art Unit: Not yet known
Examiner: Not yet known

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Commissioner for Patents
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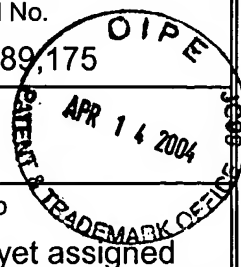
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